

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING ARRAYS AND DEVICES
RELATING THERETO**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows prior to calculation of the fees.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-47 and add the following new claims:

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--48. A method of making replicate arrays, comprising repeatedly sectioning a bundle of aligned array members to make wafers comprising replicate arrays, wherein:

the array members are homogenous compositions disposed within lumen of structural members, each array member being in a separate lumen continuously enclosed in a structural member and extending from a first to a second wafer surface formed by sectioning; and

each structural member and array member being aligned in the bundle parallel to an alignment axis and each occupying a defined position in the two dimensions orthogonal thereto.